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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS--VISCOSE RAYON STAPLE FIBER FROM BELGIUM

REF: STATE 12920

1. EMBASSY ADVISED BELGIAN MFA ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19 OF WITHHOLDING OF CUSTOMS APPRAISEMENT ON BELGIAN VISCOSE RAYON STAPLE FIBER. INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THIS IS "BAD NEWS" IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND WORLD TRADE ENVIRONMENT. OUR MFA CONTACT ALSO EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT THIS DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF THE VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF IMPORTS INVOLVED.
2. THE SOLE BELGIAN SUPPLIER OF THIS PRODUCT TO THE U.S. IS THE FIRM FABELTA WHICH IS 51 PERCENT OWNED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT (THE OTHER 49 PERCENT BEING HELD BY THE DUTCH MULTINATIONAL AKZO). THE GOB TAKEOVER OF FABELTA
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IN 1976 WAS REQUIRED TO PREVENT BANKRUPTCY AND UNEMPLOYMENT FOR ITS 2200 WORKERS. THE COMPANY WAS NONETHELESS REPORTED LAST SUMMER TO BE LOSING BF 50-60 MILLION A MONTH AND MAY FOLD BEFORE LONG IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION OR SUPPORT.
3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE OR BACKGROUND ON THIS CASE WHICH MIGHT

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